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Amendments To Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method ~~for facilitating the ef~~ sharing of information in a computer network in which the information is used to ~~fill in~~ at least partially complete online forms, the method comprising:

accessing a first ~~primary~~ data profile containing a non-filtered set of data corresponding to a first user;

creating ~~one or more~~ at least one filtered first secondary data profiles, wherein a said filtered first secondary data profile contains a filtered set of data, wherein the filtered set of data is taken from the first ~~primary~~ data file; and

coalescing data from a said filtered first secondary data profile and data from a second ~~primary~~ data profile to construct a third data set wherein the third data set is used to complete an online form such that certain data items required by the form relating to the first user are taken from the said filtered first secondary data profile portion of the third data set.

2. (currently amended) A method of sharing information as recited in claim 1 wherein creating ~~one or more secondary~~ at least one filtered data profiles further comprises selecting particular data items from the ~~non-filtered set of data~~ first data profile that the first user intends to share with one or more computer network users.

3. (currently amended) A method of sharing information as recited in claim 1 wherein creating ~~one or more secondary~~ at least one filtered data profiles further comprises creating a ~~secondary~~ filtered data profile for a specific computer network user.

4. (original) A method as recited in claim 3 wherein the specific computer network user is a gift giver and the first user is a gift receiver.

5. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein a ~~secondary~~ filtered data profile inherits privacy preferences from data items in the first ~~primary~~ data profile.

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6. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 5 wherein privacy preferences attached to the ~~secondary~~ filtered data profile determine how the ~~secondary~~ filtered data profile will be used:

7. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein coalescing data from a ~~said~~ filtered first secondary data profile and data from a second ~~primary~~ data profile further comprises taking data from the ~~secondary~~ filtered first data profile relating to shipping and specific characteristics of the first user and taking data from the second ~~primary~~ data profile relating to billing.

8. (original) A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising automatically filling in an online form with data from the third data set once the first user has been selected by a second user.

9. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 8 further comprising requesting access to use the ~~secondary~~ data profile in response to a notification to a fill in an online form.

10. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 9 further comprising granting access to the ~~secondary~~ data profile thereby enabling a computer network user to fill in the online form.

11. (original) A method of allowing an information requester to access data from an information provider in order to complete an online merchant form, the method comprising:

creating a filtered data set containing data the information provider is willing to share with particular third-party users, including the information requester;

retrieving an online merchant form upon request by an information requester, the online merchant form having a plurality of fields;

inserting data from the information requester into a first subset of the plurality of fields;
and

granting access to the filtered data set by the information provider to the information requester so that data from the filtered data set is inserted into a second subset of the plurality of

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fields, wherein the online merchant form is from an online merchant not affiliated with any other online merchant.

12. (original) A method as recited in claim 11 wherein the online merchant is not associated with a network or group of other online merchants.

13. (original) A method as recited in claim 11 further comprising:

dynamically updating the filtered data set by the information provider such that the information requester has access to only updated information.

14. (original) A method as recited in claim 13 wherein the filtered data set can be updated by editing an underlying un-filtered data set under the control of the information provider.